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- U.S. Patent No. 5,226,877, Serial No. 07/372,443 filed June 23, 1989; and
- U.S. Patent No. 6,394,975, Serial No. 08/863,883 filed May 28, 1987

Accordingly, copies of such references are not required to be provided in this application.

Nevertheless, copies of German reference DE 26 05 005 and its corresponding U.S. Patent 3,964,484 are enclosed. Further, copies of all remaining listed references are currently being prepared to send to the Examiner, and, accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if such copies do not reach the examiner at the time of reviewing this Information Disclosure Statement.

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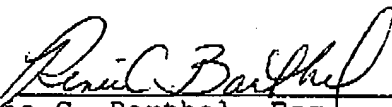
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